REMARKS

In the official communication dated November 1, 2001, the Examiner states that Applicants' Amendment filed on August 30, 2001 is not fully responsive to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2001. Specifically, the Examiner points out that amended SEQ ID NO: 3 in the Sequence Listing appeared to contain new matter.

In response, Applicants are providing herewith a substitute paper copy and a substitute computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing. By way of this substitute copy of the Sequence Listing, Applicants have restored the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 as originally filed in the application. No changes have been to any other sequences in the Sequence Listing as filed on August 30, 2001. Also enclosed is a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) verifying that the content of the paper and the computer copy of the Sequence Listing are the same. It is respectfully submitted that the Sequence Listing submitted herewith does not introduce new matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encls.:

- Substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing;
- Diskette containing a substitute copy of the Sequence Listing;
- Statement under §1.821(f).